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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 3,566,123
AB United States Patent No. 2,665,391
AC United States Patent No. 2,340,362
AL United Kingdom Application 2 227 118
AM United Kingdom Application 203 921
AN United Kingdom Application 1 312 039
AO East German Patent 230 110
AU Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 57095053, for
Japanese Application 56171618

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

For the references that are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. An English translation of Reference AO is not readily

available to the Applicants. Reference AO discloses as radiation beam exit window for an x-ray radiator that is contained in a special radiation protective housing. As can be seen from the figure in Reference AO, the element 6 is the x-ray tube itself, and the beam exit window is disposed in a housing of the x-ray radiator. Therefore, between the window and the x-ray tube itself is oil or air. The beam exit window in Reference AO, therefore, is not a part of the vacuum enclosure of the x-ray tube.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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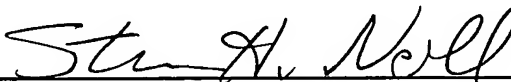
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